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Development of Jute Industries
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of jute production in the country including State of Assam State-wise;

(b) the steps taken by the Government to increase Jute production in the country and development of Jute industries during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to set up Jute industries in the country especially in Assam;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): The Jute Advisory Board has estimated production of raw jute during 2016-17 as 90 lakh bales. The state-wise estimated production is as under:-

In lakh bales (180 kg. each)
West Bengal 73
Bihar 11
Assam 5
Orissa 0.6
Andhra Pradesh 0.4
Tripura 0.03

(b): In order to increase Jute production in country and for the development of jute industry, the Government has been implementing various policy initiatives and schemes through National Jute Board (NJB), a Statutory Body under the Ministry of Textiles during the last three years. These policy initiatives and schemes include Incentive Scheme for Acquisition of Plant and Machinery (ISAPM), Jute I-CARE Project to support jute farmers, Export Market Development Assistance Scheme, Jute Raw Material Bank (JRMB) Scheme, Jute Integrated Development Scheme (JIDS), Retail Outlet of Jute Diversified Products and Bulk Supply Scheme, Skill Development Program etc. In addition, Jute Corporation of India provides support to jute farmers through Minimum Support Price (MSP) operation whenever the raw jute price falls below the MSP. Most importantly Government provides support to the sector by notifying norms for mandatory packaging of food grains and sugar in jute bags under the Jute Materials Packaging Act, 1987. These interventions are benefitting directly about 3.70 lakh jute workers and 40 lakh farm families across the country.

(c) to (e): The Government has no plan to set up jute industries, at present. However, Government provides an enabling environment to private entrepreneurs through its various jute sector schemes for setting up jute production units.

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